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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8457

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AID LOAN TO LATIN AMERICA AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOP-
MENT CORPORATION (LAAD)

REF: STATE 036219

1. EMBASSY AND CDB CONSIDER THAT PROPOSED AID LOAN TO LAAD TO ASSIST IT IN EXPANDING ITS OPERATION INTO CARIBBEAN AREA WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF LDC ISLANDS. LOCATION OF LAAD'S CARIBBEAN HEADQUARTERS IN BARBADOS WOULD MAKE SENSE FROM STANDPOINTS OF LIAISON WITH CDB, CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND EASE OF COMMUNICATION. WE ASSUME GOB WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH LAAD OFFICE LOCATING HERE AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS WHICH INTENSIVE REVIEW MIGHT USEFULLY ADDRESS. THESE INCLUDE (A) DEVELOPMENT OF MARKETING MACHINERY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL CROPS (ESPECIALLY TROPICAL FRUIT). (B) IDENTIFICATION OF MEANS OF MOVING CARIB-
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BEAN GOVERNMENT TO ALTER OR DISCARD UNREALISTIC AND UNWORKABLE

PRICE CONTROL AND MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE. (C) IDENTIFICATION OF MEANS OF MOVING CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS MORE RATIONAL LAND TENURE SYSTEMS, I.E. OVERCOMING OR AVOIDING FURTHER FRACTIONALIZATION OF HOLDINGS BECAUSE OF EITHER ANTIQUATED LAWS OR DELIBERATE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF INTENSIVE REVIEW SO THAT WE CAN BE OF MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE.
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